

The formation of veins is to change starch into sugar and turn it into alcohol.

Muller asserts that certain species will only visit blossoms of primitive plants.

There are several thousand volcanoes known, and the number of active ones may be set down at 323.

Cast iron is said to be perishable, to cement itself, and to become brittle, and to hydrogen gas even when cold.

Parson has succeeded in communicating rabies by inoculation from the brain of a dog dead with the disease.

Conus stretched in a network near the ceiling have been satisfactorily tried for destroying echoes in churches and public buildings.

It has been estimated that one square foot of soil will evaporate six times as much moisture as the same amount of leaf surface.

It is about settled in the minds of experts that moisture through their leaves, by no means enough to keep the plant alive without the aid of moisture of the roots.

BORENDINGS OF RUSSIA, oil or pitch absorb sulphuric acid when exposed to the products of the combustion of illuminating gas, as they are in all libraries, and are liable to suffer great damage.

Turks do not belong to the long skeleton, but are developed by the living membrane of the mouth, which is only continuation of the skin. Hence the teeth are clasped with other skin adhesions.

PROF. SCHLAGEN of Vienna has been experimenting for three years on the influence of blue light in the treatment of the insane, and records a quieting and soothing influence in cases of an abnormally excitable temperament.

A shower of fine dust, which fell in France last winter, was found to be composed of the fine sand of the Andes, and to contain the characteristic microscopic shells of South America. Such showers originate in volcanic eruptions.

A SCIENTIST who has been experimenting for twenty-five years on the variations of plants admits that he has gradually lost the idea of species, inclining to the opinion that variation takes place in definite directions, and that it is now internal.

NO REMAINS of the bison have been found among the bones in the shell-heaps along the Atlantic coast, and there is evidence, among the early lists of the natural products of the country, of its occurrence anywhere on the seaboard for a long period before the discovery of the continent.

THE AVERAGE HEIGHT of the Japanese is five feet three inches. Climate can scarcely account for their smallness, since that is temperate, though subject to violent changes. The use of charcoal braziers for heating may affect their carious teeth.

The respiration of cold-blooded creatures may be increased by artificial heat, but the frog, which is a cold-blooded animal, may have to leave the water entirely and fishes come to the surface for air. Reversely, frogs can be kept for years in a state of suspended animation and revived by warming.

ALMOST ALL VOLCANOES are found in proximity to large bodies of water. They are either situated on islands, and the rest, with very few exceptions, near the borders of the sea or on lacustrine basins. This gives rise to the opinion that pressure of steam is the force which expels the lava torrent.

A Wonderful Horse.

A certain horse in Sayreville for twenty years has been a ear-horse in a brick yard, and the habit of going through a certain round of duties day after day, which he has done with perfect regularity, has induced him to do things which seemed to indicate the possession of mental faculties similar to some of those possessed by the human race. It is an old saying among farmers, that a horse is the best servant, and the best master than any man.

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# THE HICKMAN COURIER.

FRIDAY, :: MARCH 17, 1882

**OUR MINSTRELS**—The boys intend giving their Grand Minstrel entertainment next Wednesday night, at the White Rose room. A highly enjoyable time is promised all who attend, and as the affair is under the management of our most prominent young men, you will not be disappointed.

This performance is given to realize funds enough to purchase an organ for the new organist and Royal Ambulance Fund, and members of the same or we should assist in aiding all the various projects.

Clinch, and Berea, grave tobacco. Also round out the list, Future, sugar, store.

The RIVER.—The river has been rising slowly since Sunday, but came to a stand yesterday. The Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland, are falling again very prettily, and have been falling for three days past. The Mississippi, at St. Louis, is still rising, several inches per day. We guess the river is about over, and that the rising tide from the Mississippi will not more than check the fall true the other rivers.

OUR MARKETS.—The Hickman produce market has been drowned out the past few weeks to extend that nothing was doing. This week a few transactions in corn, Mr. Koger will pay 50¢ on the bushel, and the difference in freight added when delivered in Hickman.

The Frankfort correspondents all seem to be under the impression that the Legislature will adjourn about the 1st of May.

Miss Georgia Green and Mollie Merle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., are visiting relatives in Hickman.

Mr. D. C. Amberg left Monday for the east, to buy spring goods for the old reliable planter house.

The river has fallen to that extent that a larger part of the refugees can go to their homes.

Mr. Wm. Hobbs, the chain lightning reporter of the Globe-Democrat was one of the expedition that visited Hickman this week.

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The Hickman Pump factory expect to get up steam and commence running in a limited way, on day the coming week. All their machinery has not yet been received, and in this account, and many others, they have been greatly delayed. They have orders which will keep them busy to several months, even when they receive and get all their machinery at work. After the rush of purchases are filled, Mr. Sault, who is in charge, proposes to give attention to inclosing up of a local plant at Hickman. He says his institution becomes to stay, and to become permanent identified with Hickman and this section. It will prove of great importance to our local trade.

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Mrs. Addie Jones, leaves this day on two, for the eastern cities, where she will purchase a full and complete line of millinery and notions, all of which will be of the very latest style and best quality. Her customers may expect something that will please the taste of the most fastidious on her return. See Ella Hardin, will accompany her, in order to obtain the latest fashions in dress making for the coming season.

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There is no probability of a reduction of the tax on tobacco and whisky in the present Congress.

The past winter has been disagreeable and discouraging for business, but industry and renewed energy will mend broken places.

Senator Pendleton says he can see no reason why the people should not elect postmasters, district attorneys, marshals, clerks of court, collectors of customs and of internal revenue, etc.

The Legislature is now engaged upon the Constitutional Provisions to cause the Government to accomplish this grand improvement. It may not be a blessing, if the Government would not in this case, give the ruined agriculturists of the great West needed and faithful employment, and enable all of us to be self-sufficient.

A colored man named John, from Frankfort, Ky., last week, had a trial and only instance of the kind in record. Why is it that so few colored people could escape, compared to the whites? Does it argue superior contentment with their lot?

The Covington Commonwealth reports on instance of "the offices seeking the man, and the man refusing to take it." The Commonwealth is reliable, but the public should have the papers on this remarkable occurrence.

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